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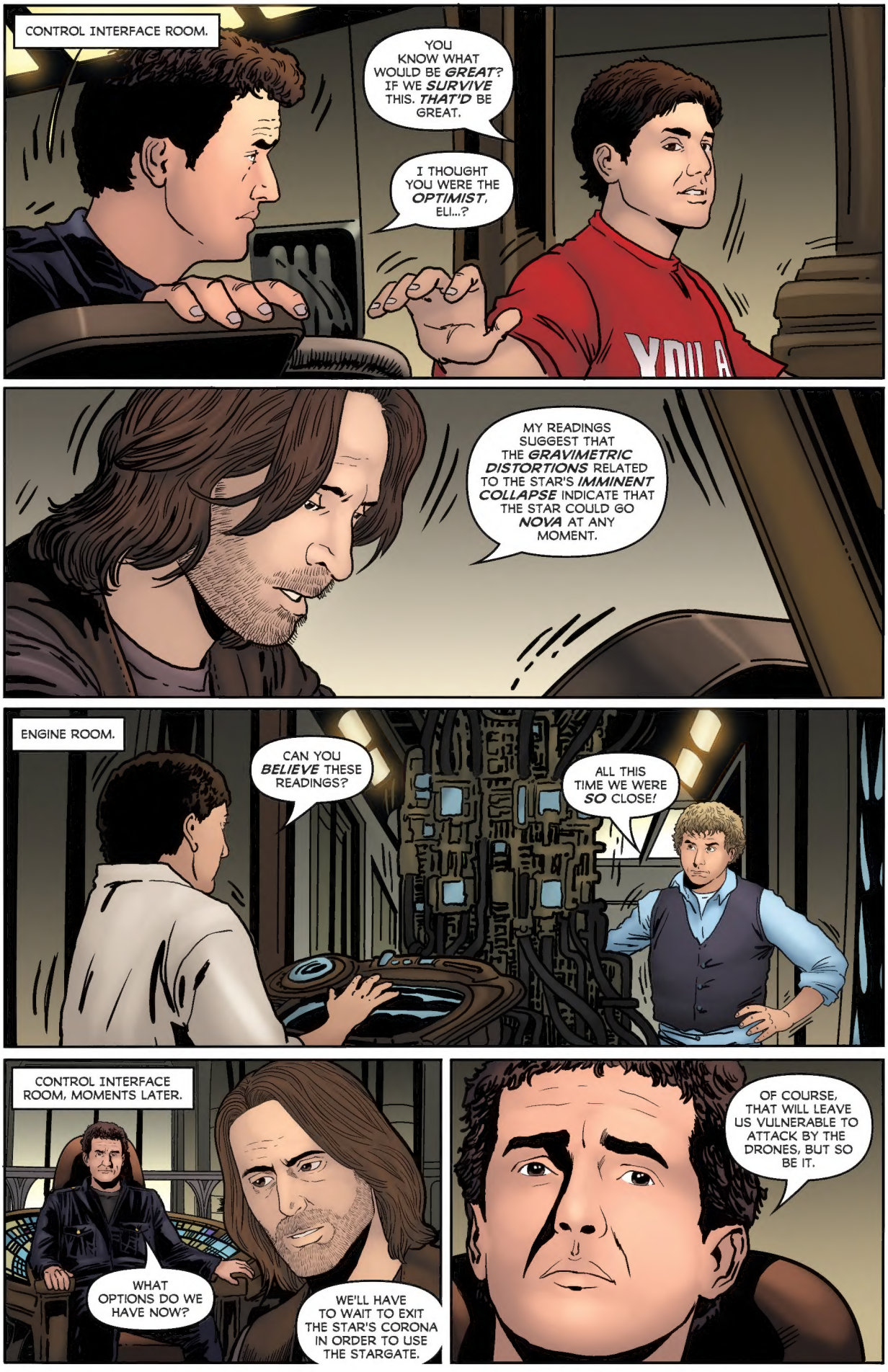
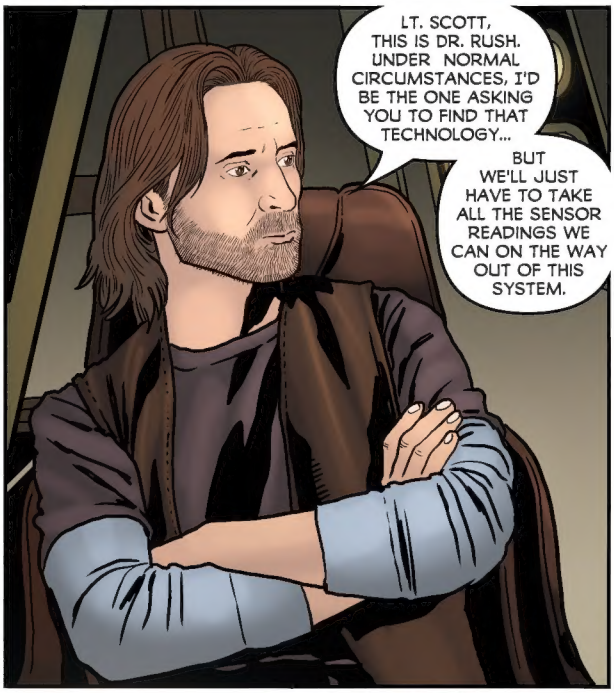
IN THE END, AFTER MONTHS AND MONTHS OF DEPENDING ON *DESPERATE INGENUITY* AND LOTS OF *LUCK*...
I HAVE TO SAY IT FEELS *GOOD* TO HAVE A *FIGHTING CHANCE* TO CONTROL OUR OWN DESTINY...
JOHANSEN
BY HAVING MORE CONTROL OVER *DESTINY.*


CONTROL INTERFACE ROOM.
YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BE *GREAT*? IF WE *SURVIVE* THIS. *THAT'D* BE GREAT.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE *OPTIMIST*, ELI...?
MY READINGS SUGGEST THAT THE *GRAVIMETRIC DISTORTIONS* RELATED TO THE STAR'S *IMMINENT COLLAPSE* INDICATE THAT THE STAR COULD GO *NOVA* AT ANY MOMENT.
ENGINE ROOM.
CAN YOU *BELIEVE* THESE READINGS?
ALL THIS TIME WE WERE *SO* CLOSE!
CONTROL INTERFACE ROOM, MOMENTS LATER.
WHAT OPTIONS DO WE HAVE NOW?
WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO EXIT THE STAR'S CORONA IN ORDER TO USE THE STARGATE.
OF COURSE, THAT WILL LEAVE US VULNERABLE TO ATTACK BY THE DRONES, BUT SO BE IT.

LT. SCOTT, THIS IS DESTINY. DO YOU COPY?
ROGER THAT, DESTINY. THIS IS SCOTT.
RECHARGE IS COMPLETE. HEAD FOR HOME.

MESSAGE RECEIVED, COLONEL, BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD TRACK DOWN ***WHATEVER TECHNOLOGY*** ON THIS PLANET IS ***REPELLING*** THE DRONES?


LT. SCOTT, THIS IS DR. RUSH. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D BE THE ONE ASKING YOU TO FIND THAT TECHNOLOGY...
BUT WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ALL THE SENSOR READINGS WE CAN ON THE WAY OUT OF THIS SYSTEM.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY, DESTINY.

AS PREDICTED, COLONEL, THE INSTANT GATE CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED, THE DRONES STARTED HEADING FOR US.

THANK-YOU, RUSH.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE WE'VE GOT A FEW SURPRISES IN STORE FOR THESE DRONES THIS TIME.

COLONEL, LT. SCOTT AND HIS TEAM ARE ABOARD. EVERYONE'S SAFE.

THANK-YOU, ELI.

RUSH, IT SEEMS LIKE NOT MANY OF THE DRONES ARE GETTING THROUGH. WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE ***ADDITIONAL POWER*** AT DESTINY'S DISPOSAL HAS GREATLY ***ENHANCED*** THE ***RESOLUTION*** OF THE SENSORS.

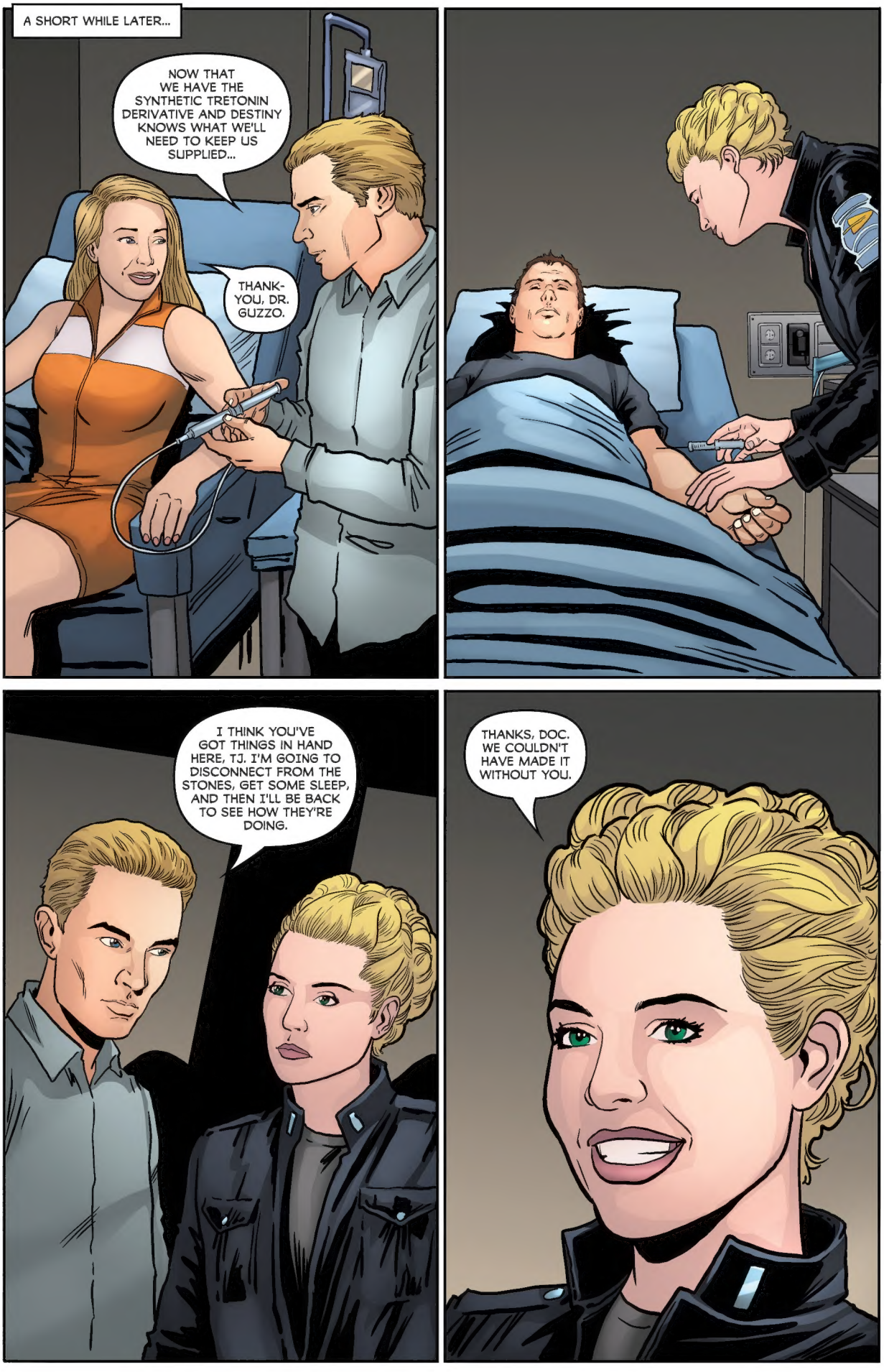
THE ***TELEMETRY*** ALONE WOULD BE ***INVALUABLE***, BUT OUR DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS ARE NOW MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THESE DRONES.

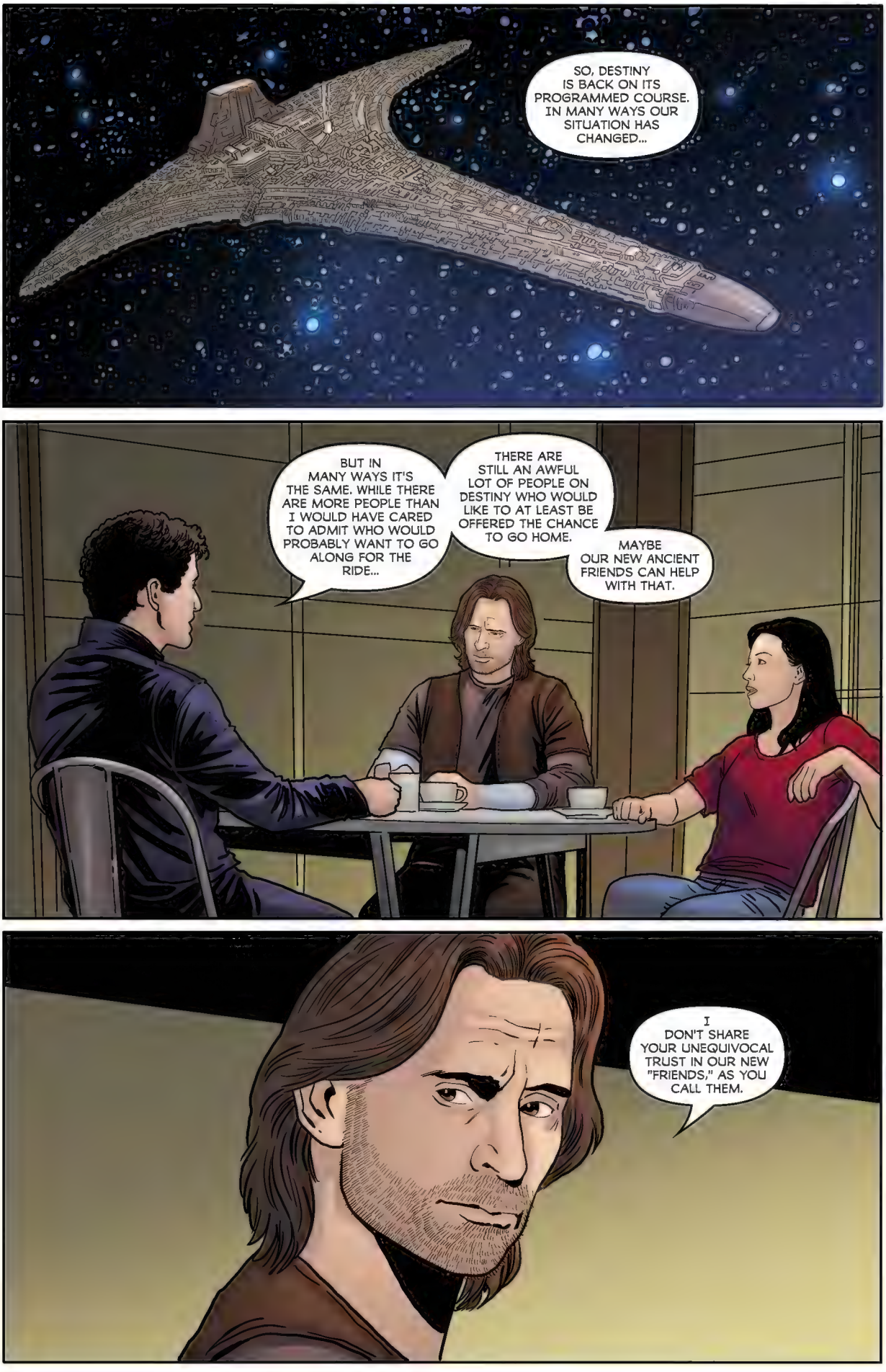
THE DRONE CONTROLLER'S PROGRAMMING ***MUST*** BE RESPONDING TO THE SITUATION, BUT DESTINY IS SIMPLY ***OUTPERFORMING*** THEM...

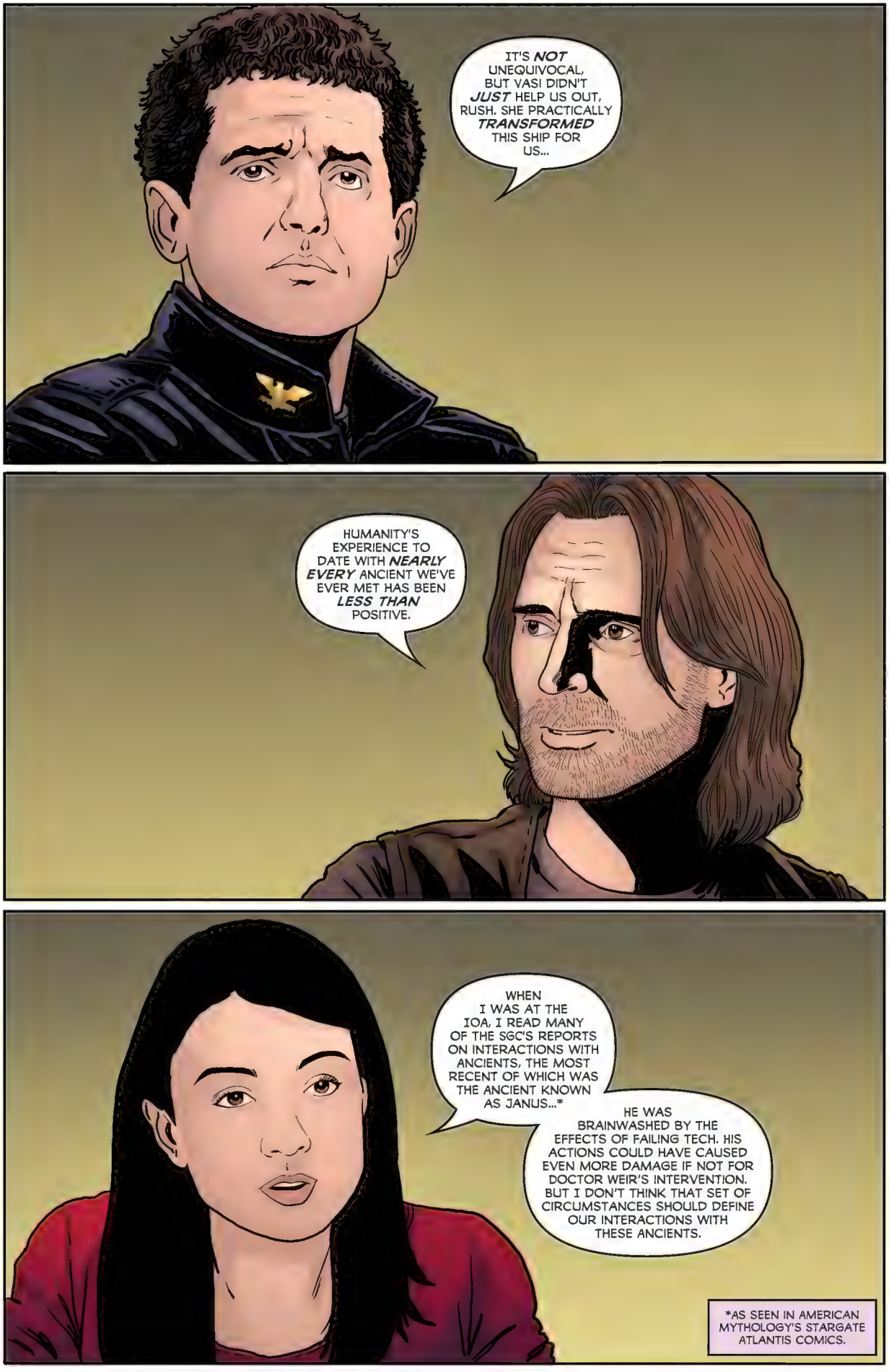
COLONEL YOUNG, IT'S... ***SPECTACULAR***.

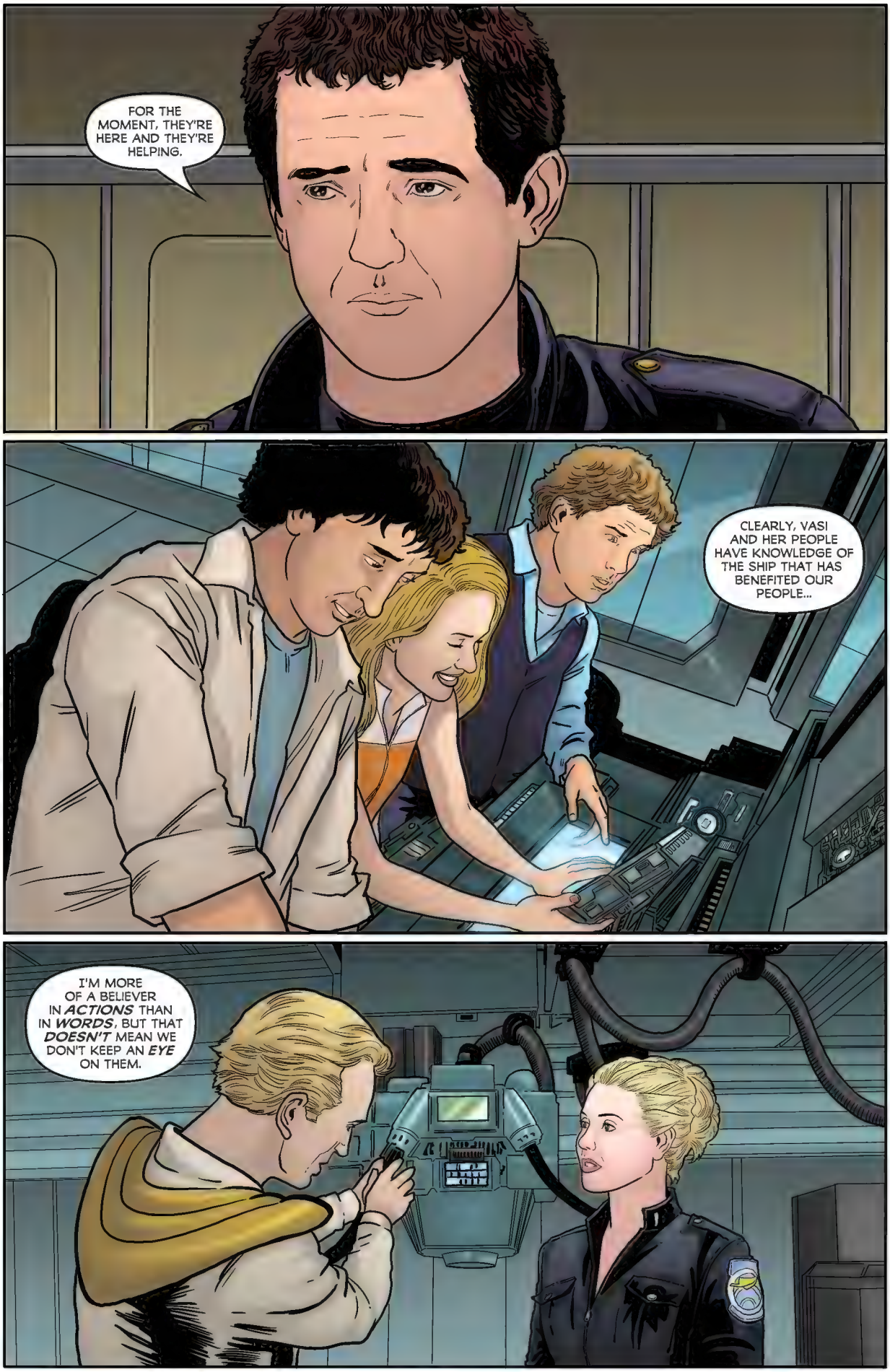
IT'S NOT OFTEN ONE HEARS YOU SO EFFUSIVE ABOUT WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY, DOCTOR RUSH.
NOT ONLY DID THE SENSORS GET THE DATA ON THE DRONES, BUT ALSO A TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF READINGS ON THE OBELISK ON THE PLANET.
THIS IS BEYOND ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN PREVIOUSLY...
NOT TO INTRUDE ON YOUR DISCOVERIES, BUT HOW'S THE STAR DOING? IT SEEMS LIKE MAYBE...
WE SHOULD GO. NOW.
THEN BY ALL MEANS...

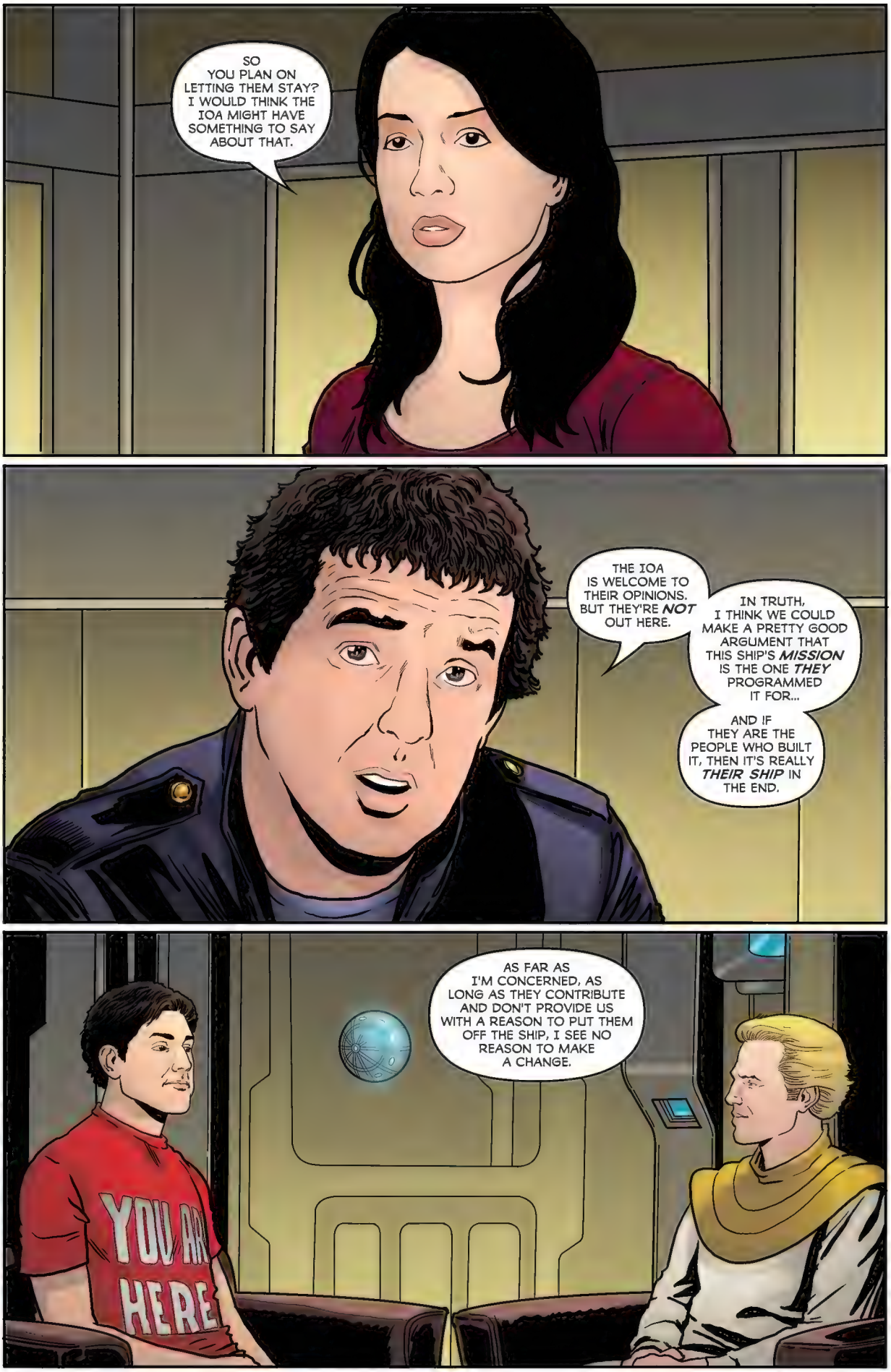
GET US OUT OF HERE.
KRAKA-
THOOOOM!


A SHORT WHILE LATER...
NOW THAT WE HAVE THE SYNTHETIC TRETONIN DERIVATIVE AND DESTINY KNOWS WHAT WE'LL NEED TO KEEP US SUPPLIED...
THANK-YOU, DR. GUZZO.
I THINK YOU'VE GOT THINGS IN HAND HERE, TJ. I'M GOING TO DISCONNECT FROM THE STONES, GET SOME SLEEP, AND THEN I'LL BE BACK TO SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING.
THANKS, DOC. WE COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU.


SO, DESTINY IS BACK ON ITS PROGRAMMED COURSE. IN MANY WAYS OUR SITUATION HAS CHANGED...
BUT IN MANY WAYS IT'S THE SAME. WHILE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE THAN I WOULD HAVE CARED TO ADMIT WHO WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO GO ALONG FOR THE RIDE...
THERE ARE STILL AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE ON DESTINY WHO WOULD LIKE TO AT LEAST BE OFFERED THE CHANCE TO GO HOME.
MAYBE OUR NEW ANCIENT FRIENDS CAN HELP WITH THAT.
I DON'T SHARE YOUR UNEQUIVOCAL TRUST IN OUR NEW "FRIENDS," AS YOU CALL THEM.

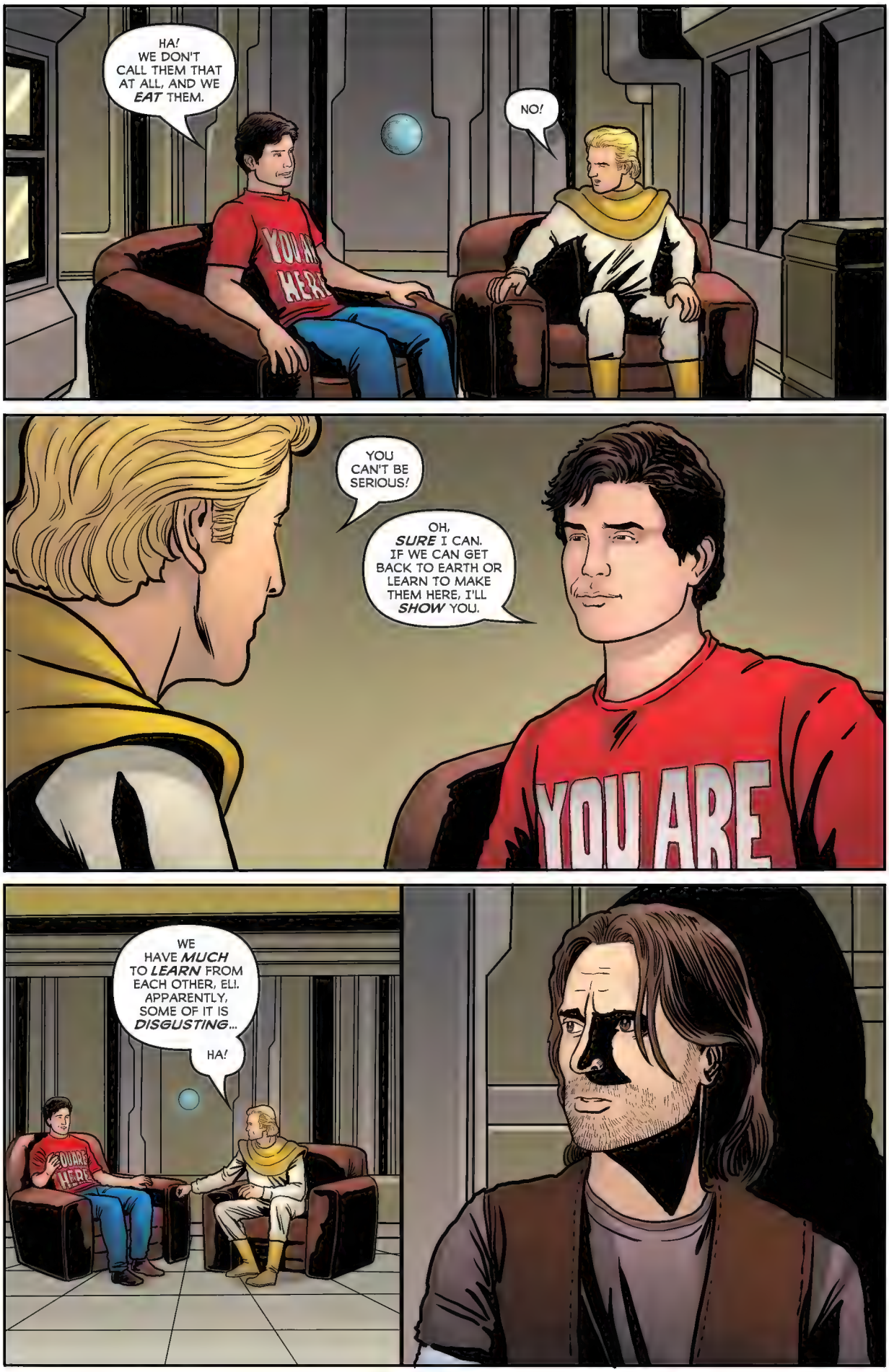

IT'S NOT UNEQUIVOCAL, BUT VASI DIDN'T JUST HELP US OUT, RUSH. SHE PRACTICALLY TRANSFORMED THIS SHIP FOR US...
HUMANITY'S EXPERIENCE TO DATE WITH NEARLY EVERY ANCIENT WE'VE EVER MET HAS BEEN LESS THAN POSITIVE.
WHEN I WAS AT THE IOA, I READ MANY OF THE SGC'S REPORTS ON INTERACTIONS WITH ANCIENTS, THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH WAS THE ANCIENT KNOWN AS JANUS...*
HE WAS BRAINWASHED BY THE EFFECTS OF FAILING TECH. HIS ACTIONS COULD HAVE CAUSED EVEN MORE DAMAGE IF NOT FOR DOCTOR WEIR'S INTERVENTION. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD DEFINE OUR INTERACTIONS WITH THESE ANCIENTS.
*AS SEEN IN AMERICAN MYTHOLOGY'S STARGATE ATLANTIS COMICS.

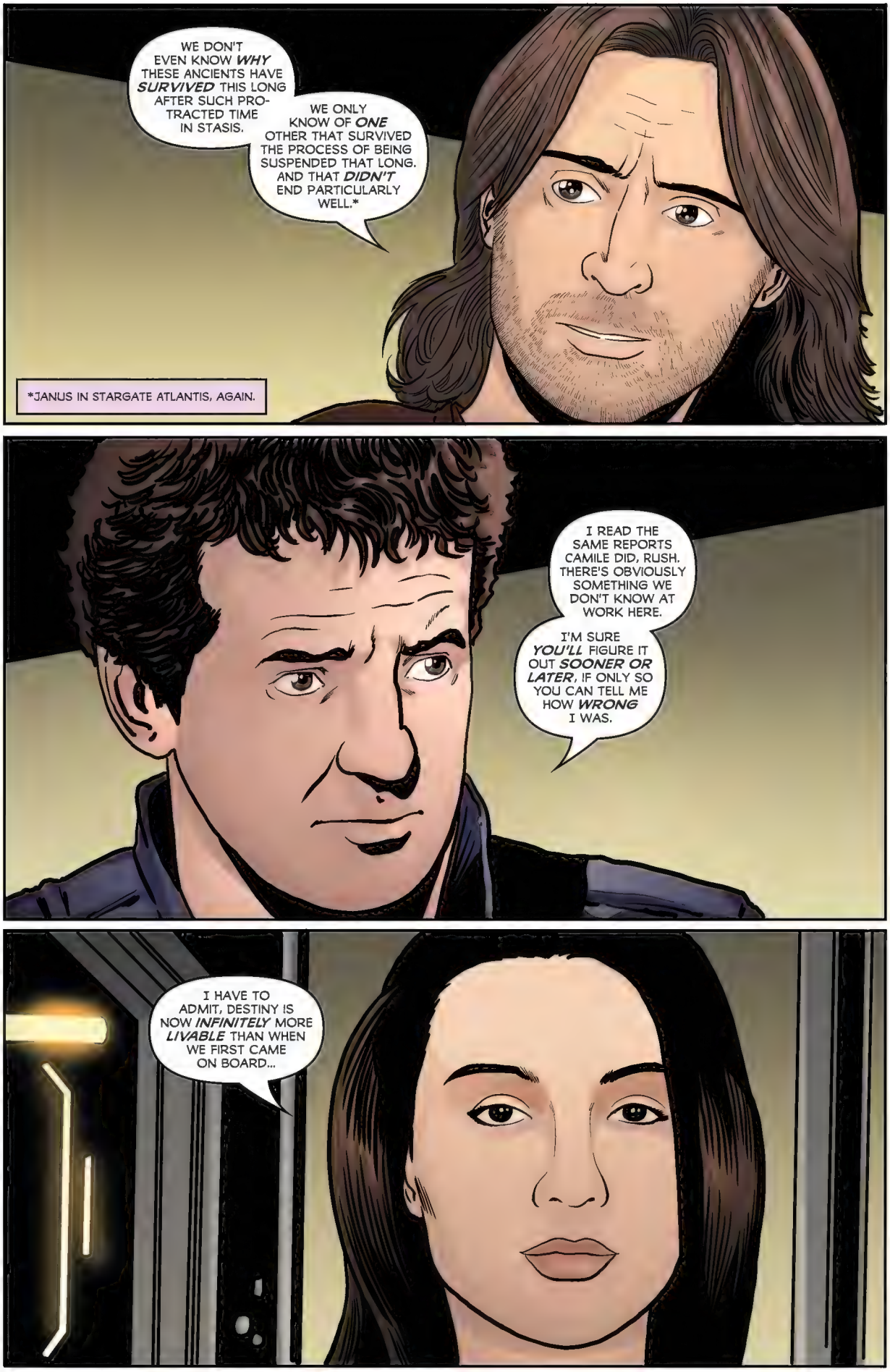

FOR THE MOMENT, THEY'RE HERE AND THEY'RE HELPING.
CLEARLY, VASI AND HER PEOPLE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHIP THAT HAS BENEFITED OUR PEOPLE...
I'M MORE OF A BELIEVER IN ***ACTIONS*** THAN IN ***WORDS***, BUT THAT ***DOESN'T*** MEAN WE DON'T KEEP AN ***EYE*** ON THEM.


SO YOU PLAN ON LETTING THEM STAY? I WOULD THINK THE IOA MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT.
THE IOA IS WELCOME TO THEIR OPINIONS. BUT THEY'RE NOT OUT HERE.
IN TRUTH, I THINK WE COULD MAKE A PRETTY GOOD ARGUMENT THAT THIS SHIP'S MISSION IS THE ONE THEY PROGRAMMED IT FOR...
AND IF THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO BUILT IT, THEN IT'S REALLY THEIR SHIP IN THE END.
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, AS LONG AS THEY CONTRIBUTE AND DON'T PROVIDE US WITH A REASON TO PUT THEM OFF THE SHIP, I SEE NO REASON TO MAKE A CHANGE.
YOU ARE HERE

WHILE I SHARE DOCTOR RUSH'S *CONCERNS*, COLONEL, I *DO* SEE YOUR POINT...
AS LONG AS WE'RE *NOT* TALKING ABOUT THEM *UNCONDITIONALLY* HAVING THE RUN OF THE SHIP.
AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, EVEN WITH OUR WELL DOCUMENTED *DIFFERENCES* OF *OPINION,* COLONEL...
I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE SO *CAVALIER* ABOUT THIS.
AND I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE HOW YOU'VE GONE FROM BEING EXCITED ABOUT DESTINY'S ABILITY TO FIGHT OFF THOSE DRONES....
TO BEING OVERLY SUSPICIOUS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN AND GETTING US OUT OF THERE.

RUSH, IT'S NOT THAT I'M DISMISSING YOUR CONCERNS. I'M JUST SAYING THAT *THIS* IS WHERE WE ARE...
WE SURVIVED TO FIGHT -- OR SIMPLY TO DISCOVER -- ANOTHER DAY.
FIRST LIEUTENANT MATTHEW SCOTT.
CHLOE ARMSTRONG.
BECAUSE THEY HELPED US.
FIRST LIEUTENANT TAMARA JOHANSEN.
THEY'VE GIVEN US A SHIP WITH MUCH MORE TO OFFER US IN TERMS OF PROTECTION...
DR. LISA PARK.
NOT TO MENTION A FEW CREATURE COMFORTS...
DR. DALE VOLKER.
HELL, I'M SO OPTIMISTIC THAT I BELIEVE SOMEWHERE ON THIS SHIP...
ADAM BRODY.
THERE'S A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR ALL OF US...
MASTER SERGEANT RONALD GREER.
SURE, WE'LL HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY'RE UP TO...
SECOND LIEUTENANT VANESSA JAMES.
BUT IT'S NOT AS IF WE HAVEN'T TAKEN ON NEW CREW MEMBERS BEFORE.
VARRO (FORMERLY LUCIEN ALLIANCE).


HA! WE DON'T CALL THEM THAT AT ALL, AND WE EAT THEM.
NO!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
OH, SURE I CAN. IF WE CAN GET BACK TO EARTH OR LEARN TO MAKE THEM HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU.
YOU ARE
WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, ELI. APPARENTLY, SOME OF IT IS DISGUSTING...
HA!


WE DON'T EVEN KNOW *WHY* THESE ANCIENTS HAVE *SURVIVED* THIS LONG AFTER SUCH PROTRACTED TIME IN STASIS.
WE ONLY KNOW OF *ONE* OTHER THAT SURVIVED THE PROCESS OF BEING SUSPENDED THAT LONG. AND THAT *DIDN'T* END PARTICULARLY WELL.*
*JANUS IN STARGATE ATLANTIS, AGAIN.
I READ THE SAME REPORTS CAMILE DID, RUSH. THERE'S OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW AT WORK HERE.
I'M SURE *YOU'LL* FIGURE IT OUT *SOONER OR LATER*, IF ONLY SO YOU CAN TELL ME HOW *WRONG* I WAS.
I HAVE TO ADMIT, DESTINY IS NOW *INFINITELY* MORE *LIVABLE* THAN WHEN WE FIRST CAME ON BOARD...

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ASKING *MY* OPINION, AND I'M *NOT* SAYING THIS AS - AHEM - THE GUY WHO *FOUND* THEM, BUT I *LIKE* THEM.
BUT WITH WHAT THEY'VE GIVEN US, MORE THAN EVER I WANT TO SEE THE *REASON* DESTINY WAS BUILT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, ELI. FOLLOWING DESTINY'S *MISSION* NOW SEEMS MORE *REALISTIC* THAN EVER...
PERHAPS RESTORING HER CLOSER TO *TOP CONDITION* IS OUR OWN BIT OF DESTINY.
LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE ON THIS JOURNEY, I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO *SEE*.
END.

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"AN INSANE TWILIGHT WORLD OF HIDEOUS NIGHTMARE MONSTERS AND WINGED BEAUTIES..."
FLESH! GIVE US FLESH!
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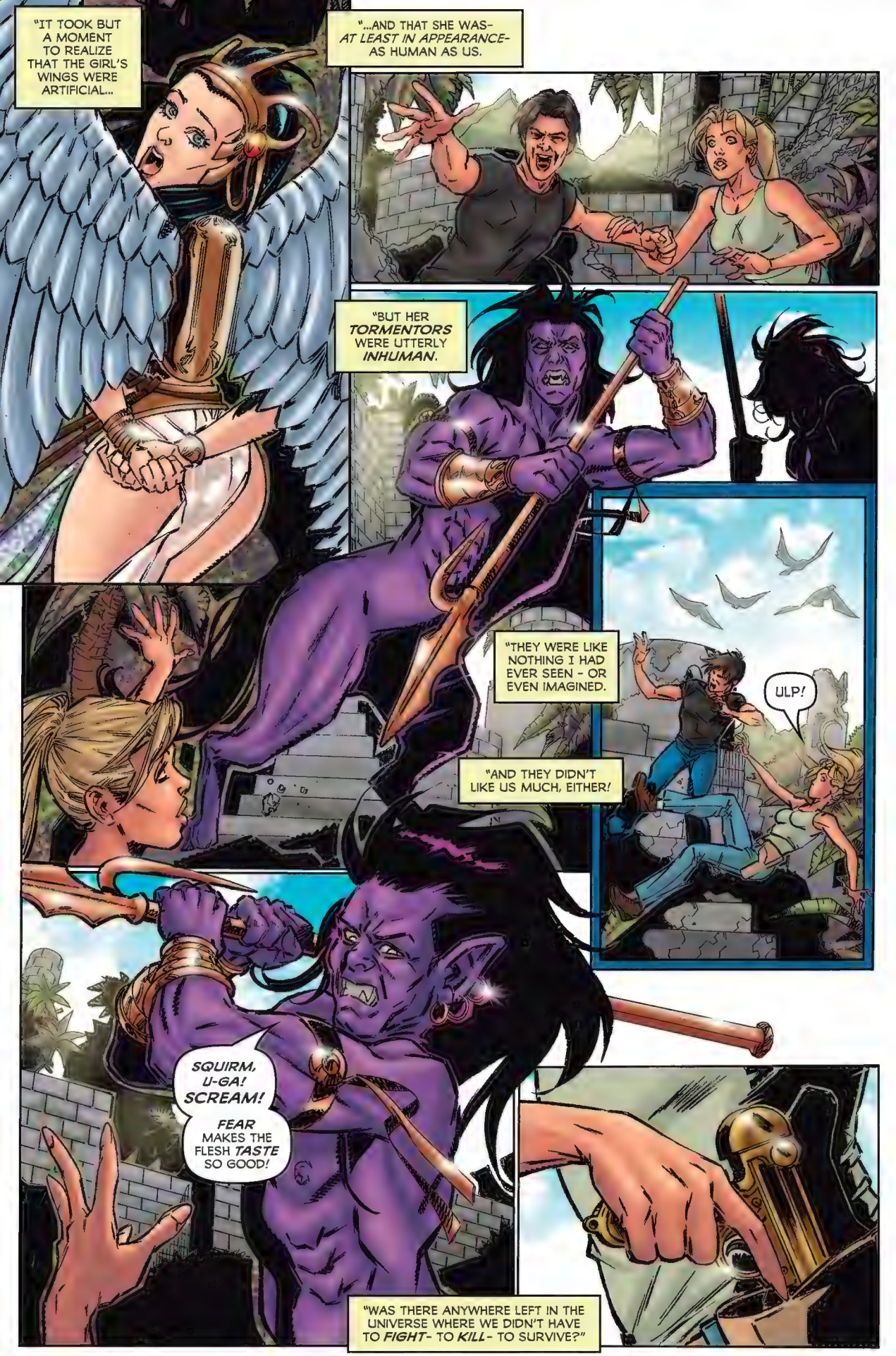
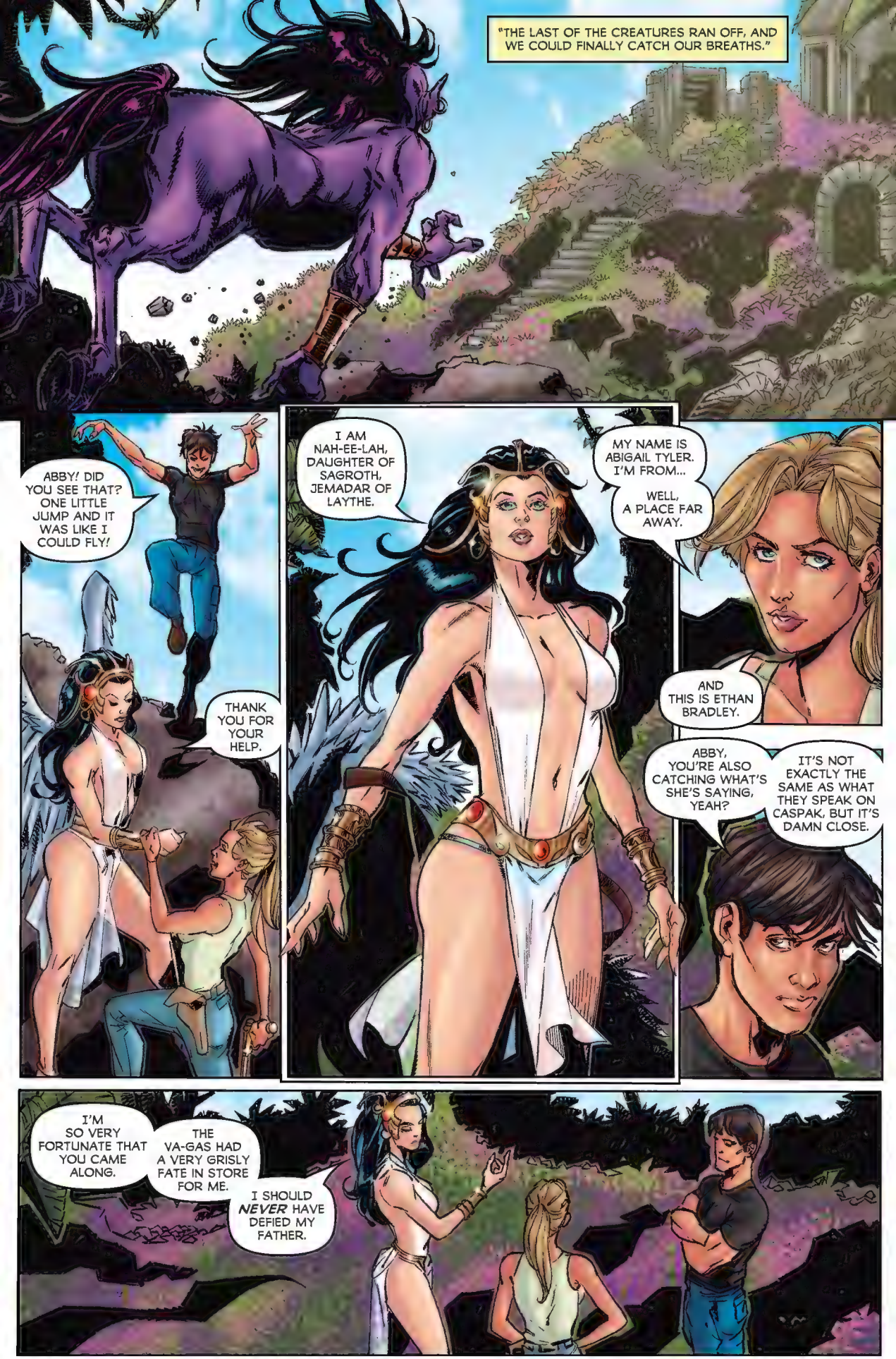
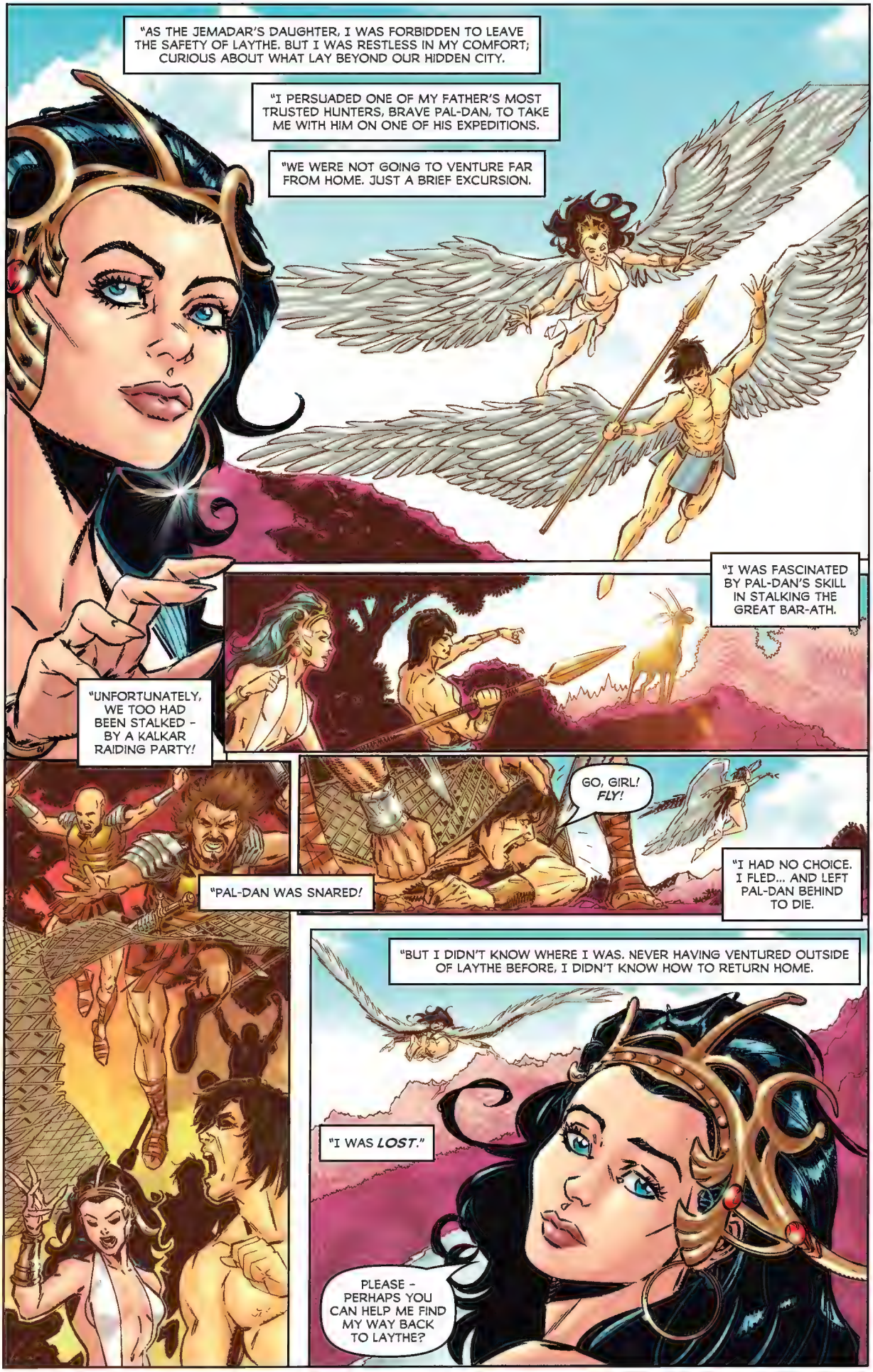

"IT TOOK BUT A MOMENT TO REALIZE THAT THE GIRL'S WINGS WERE ARTIFICIAL...
"...AND THAT SHE WAS- *AT LEAST IN APPEARANCE-* AS HUMAN AS US.
"BUT HER *TORMENTORS* WERE UTTERLY *INHUMAN.*
"THEY WERE LIKE NOTHING I HAD EVER SEEN - OR EVEN IMAGINED.
ULP!
"AND THEY DIDN'T LIKE US MUCH, EITHER!
SQUIRM, U-GA! SCREAM!
FEAR MAKES THE FLESH *TASTE* SO GOOD!
"WAS THERE ANYWHERE LEFT IN THE UNIVERSE WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE TO *FIGHT*- TO *KILL*- TO SURVIVE?"

"THAT PLACE NOT ONLY LOOKED STRANGE - BUT IT *FELT* STRANGE, TOO. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT, BUT MY *BODY* FELT... WRONG.
THUDD!
COR!
THUMP
"NO WONDER MY BODY FELT WRONG - WHEREVER WE WERE, THE GRAVITY WAS A FRACTION OF THAT BACK ON EARTH!"
NOW, *THAT'S* BLOODY BRILLIANT!
THAT WAS AT LEAST *TEN METERS!*
DON'T - *PLEASE!*
I DON'T *WANT* TO...

HAH!
ZAARRRK!
DEATH TO THE U-GAS! FLESH FOR THE VA-GAS!
K-KRAK!
I'VE GOT ONE FOR YOU TOO, UGLY!


"THE LAST OF THE CREATURES RAN OFF, AND WE COULD FINALLY CATCH OUR BREATHS."
ABBY! DID YOU SEE THAT? ONE LITTLE JUMP AND IT WAS LIKE I COULD FLY!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
I AM NAH-EE-LAH, DAUGHTER OF SAGROTH, JEMADAR OF LAYTHE.
MY NAME IS ABIGAIL TYLER. I'M FROM...
WELL, A PLACE FAR AWAY.
AND THIS IS ETHAN BRADLEY.
ABBY, YOU'RE ALSO CATCHING WHAT'S SHE'S SAYING, YEAH?
IT'S NOT EXACTLY THE SAME AS WHAT THEY SPEAK ON CASPAK, BUT IT'S DAMN CLOSE.
I'M SO VERY FORTUNATE THAT YOU CAME ALONG.
THE VA-GAS HAD A VERY GRISLY FATE IN STORE FOR ME.
I SHOULD *NEVER* HAVE DEFIED MY FATHER.


"AS THE JEMADAR'S DAUGHTER, I WAS FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE THE SAFETY OF LAYTHE. BUT I WAS RESTLESS IN MY COMFORT; CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT LAY BEYOND OUR HIDDEN CITY.
"I PERSUADED ONE OF MY FATHER'S MOST TRUSTED HUNTERS, BRAVE PAL-DAN, TO TAKE ME WITH HIM ON ONE OF HIS EXPEDITIONS.
"WE WERE NOT GOING TO VENTURE FAR FROM HOME. JUST A BRIEF EXCURSION.
"I WAS FASCINATED BY PAL-DAN'S SKILL IN STALKING THE GREAT BAR-ATH.
"UNFORTUNATELY, WE TOO HAD BEEN STALKED - BY A KALKAR RAIDING PARTY!
GO, GIRL! FLY!
"I HAD NO CHOICE. I FLED... AND LEFT PAL-DAN BEHIND TO DIE.
"PAL-DAN WAS SNARED!
"BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I WAS. NEVER HAVING VENTURED OUTSIDE OF LAYTHE BEFORE, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO RETURN HOME.
"I WAS LOST."
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OH, MANFRED, WHAT EVER WILL WE DO?
MY GUESTS HAVE ALMOST FINISHED THE MAIN COURSE! WHAT WILL WE SERVE THEM FOR DESSERT?

MAKE YOURSELVES PRESENTABLE, YOU KNUCKLEHEADS.
IF WE DON'T MAKE THIS SALE, OUR LANDLORD WILL HAVE US SLEEPING IN THE GUTTER TONIGHT.
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